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1. The motorcycle battalion of the Prenzlau Division, formerly KVPD 1213, of Armeegruppe Nord was stationed in Pinnow. The battalion was quartered in new buildings which were built for officer dependents of the infantry regiment which was also stationed in Pinnow. [redacted] not later than the end of April 1953, the motorcycle battalion was to be transferred to Prenzlau from where, in turn, infantry units were to move to Torgelow.¹ 25X1

2. The motorcycle battalion was organized into the headquarters with about 45 men, 3 companies each with 108 men and a training company with 65 men, with each company having three platoons, each with 3 groups of 1 to 10 men.¹

3. Each of the three companies was equipped with 27 light machine guns, 64 submachine guns, 16 pistols and 1 carbine for the company radio operator. The headquarters, except for the officers, and the training company were armed with carbines. The arms were supplied by the central ordnance depot of the division at the former Prenzlau airfield. Ammunition for firing practice with live ammunition was obtained from the infantry regiment in Pinnow.¹

4. Motor vehicles available to the unit at the end of the period of observation included a Horch truck, 1 ambulance 2 BMW sedans [redacted] 3 BMW 350-ccm motorcycles, 2 Jawa 350-ccm motorcycles, 1 Awo 250-ccm sidecar motorcycle and 23 Awo 250-ccm motorcycles. The lastmentioned 23 motorcycles had been picked up from Pasewalk at the end of February. An officer stated that, by the end of April to the latest, the unit will be fully equipped with motorcycles. Each group was [redacted] to be provided with 3 ZIS 750-ccm sidecar motorcycles and 1 Awo 250-ccm motorcycle. A supply shipment announced for mid-March was to provide 40 ZIS 750-ccm motorcycles from Eggesin where about 2,000 motorcycles stood allegedly ready for distribution with a motorcycle battalion.¹ 25X1

5. The following officers belonged to the unit:
 Senior Lieutenant Hans Rebbien, commanding officer of the battalion
 Senior Lieutenant Paschke (fm), chief of staff
 Senior Lieutenant Goethe, deputy commanding officer
 Senior Lieutenant Schoenbrunn, PK officer
 Senior Lieutenant Grosspietsch, training officer
 Lieutenant Reiske, supply officer
 Lieutenant Lange, finance officer
 Lieutenant Hallert, first assistant to the chief of staff

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Lieutenant Kullus, second assistant to the chief of staff
 Sublieutenant Herzberg, technical officer
 Lieutenant Hollaender, SED secretary
 Sublieutenant Laas, FDJ secretary
 Sublieutenant Posch, medical officer
 Senior Lieutenant Mehls, deputy commanding officer of the 1st Co,
 the commanding officer, a lieutenant,
 came from the infantry regiment in Pinnow
 in mid-February

Lieutenant Skibbel, PK officer
 Sublieutenant Schmidt, leader of 1st Plat
 Sublieutenant Voss, leader of 3d Plat
 Senior Lieutenant Morinski, commanding officer of 2d Co
 Lieutenant Mikowski, deputy commanding officer of 2d Co
 Lieutenant Hauffe, PK officer
 Sublieutenant Schlaps, commanding officer of 1st Plat
 Sublieutenant Tietz, leader of 3d Plat
 Senior Lieutenant Timm, commanding officer of 3d Co
 Sublieutenant Schiele, deputy commanding officer of 3d Co
 Lieutenant Spaerlich, PK officer
 Sublieutenant Scharch, leader of a platoon of the 3d Co; he came
 from Prenzlau at the end of February
 Sublieutenant Zwirner, leader of a platoon of the 3d Co; he came
 from Prenzlau at the end of February
 Lieutenant Paul, commanding officer of the training company
 Senior Lieutenant Braeu, deputy commanding officer of the training company
 Lieutenant Mehlfeld, PK officer
 Major Vakholni, Soviet advisor to the battalion.
 Each of the three companies was assigned a Soviet captain as advisor and the
 training company was assigned a Major. The Soviet officers belonged to a unit in
 Eberswalde.
 Colonel Riedel, division commander in Prenzlau.¹

6. Training activity during the period of observation included close-order drill up to company level, a night exercise at battalion level having as subject the establishing of the first, second and third firing line and penetration into enemy trenches, and, since mid-February, about 2 night practices at company level weekly. Day-time exercise included attack practices up to company level and drill with motorcycles included mounting and dismounting and moving into position.¹

7. [] the infantry regiment in Pinnow consisted of 3 battalion each 25X1
 with four companies. The companies had an average strength of only 60 men. Major
 Klocke (fmu) was regimental commander, Senior Lieutenant Gilke (fmu) was PK officer
 and Captain Mertens supply officer. An S4-Kommando, allegedly an antitank battalion,
 was also stationed in Pinnow. About 50 jeeps were seen with this unit.¹ 25X1

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